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In 61kg, lifter Gururaja P (top), who had been training away from wife and family for more than a year, won a bronze at the Games on Saturday |P4

SANKET'S JOURNEY: TEA SHOP TO C'WEALTH GAMES PODIUM

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

NOT long ago, Sanket was helping his father Mahadev Ananda Sargar in their tea, snacks and paan shop in Shinde Mala locality of Sangli (Maharashtra). Customers did know about Sanket's weightlifting stint then. They would have never thought the boy will one day win India their first medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. What made the achievement even more remarkable was how the 21-year-old lifter braved an elbow injury to clinch a 55kg silver medal at the NEC Hall 1 in Birmingham on Saturday.

"I'm in a lot of pain, please let me go fast," Sanket requested journalists after the medal ceremony. "I will go for an X-ray after the dope samples are collected." "I had come here for gold," he said. It was disheartening, too. Until the end of the snatch section, Sanket was in pole position. He had lifted 113kg in his third attempt, opening a considerable lead of six kilograms against his closest rival Aniq bin Kasdan from Malaysia, whose best attempt was 107kg. Gold was for him to take.

Sanket in his second attempt of 139kg hurt his elbow. "I heard a sound and suddenly there was a seething pain," he said after the medal.

"But I had to take the risk. I needed to overtake him." Kasdan, meanwhile, overtook Sanket with a 142kg lift. He would remain the leader until the end.

With unbearable pain, it was almost impossible for Sanket to lift his hand, let alone lift 139kg. In the end, he finished with a silver and a broken hand. P13

Delighted that our boy P. Gururaja from Karnataka wins bronze in men's weightlifting, 61kg category in #CommonwealthGames. The whole nation is rejoicing in your victory, a result of your sustained hard work & indomitable grit. Congratulations Gururaja. Keep shining for India
— Basavaraj Bommai, CM

Mirabai Chanu wins India's first gold

Tokyo 2020 Olympic silver medallist Mirabai Chanu defended her gold with a Commonwealth Games record in snatch, clean and jerk, and total on Saturday. She lifted 88kg in snatch, which happens to be her personal best. While in the clean and jerk she managed 113kg and combined total was 201kg

PM: Speed up release of undertrials

Urges district judges to expedite the process of freeing those languishing in jails awaiting legal aid

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday urged the judiciary to speed up the release of undertrial prisoners languishing in jails, stressing that ease of justice is equally important as ease of doing business and ease of living. "As important as access to the judicial system is for any society, justice delivery is equally important. The judicial infrastructure also has an important contribution to this. In the past eight years, work has been done at a fast pace to strengthen the judicial infrastructure of the country," Modi said.

He was addressing the inaugural session of the first All India District Legal Services Authorities meet in New Delhi in the presence of Chief Justice of India Justice N V Ramana and Supreme Court judges U U Lalit and D Y Chandrachud. The prime minister appealed to district judges, who are chairpersons of Undertrial Review Committees, to hasten the release of the undertrial prisoners awaiting legal aid.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with CJI N V Ramana in New Delhi on Saturday

Some creating acrimony over religion, says Doval

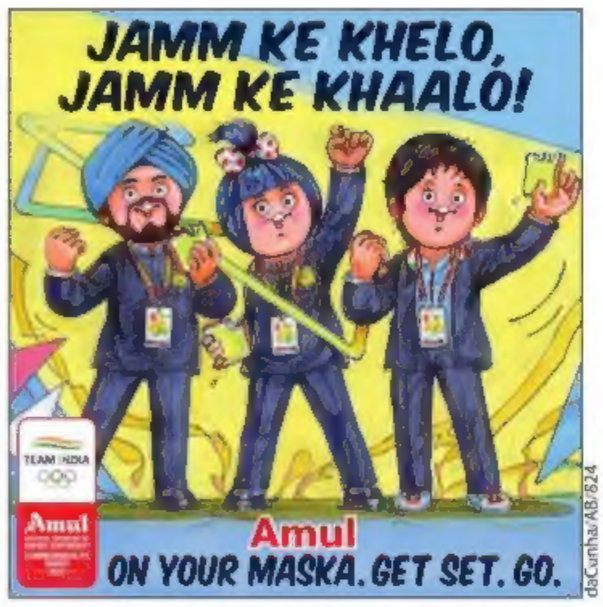
National Security Adviser Ajit Doval said on Saturday that some people are trying to create animosity in the name of religion and ideology. "To counter religious animosity, we have to work together and make every religious body feel a part of India," he said at an event | P9

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, who was also present at the meet, said the National Legal Services Authority has launched a campaign to identify undertrial prisoners eligible for release and recommend their cases to review committees. The campaign is part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav — celebrations to mark 75 years of India's Independence.

According to the 'Prison Statistics India' report published by the National Crime Records Bureau in 2020, of the 4.88 lakh prison inmates in India, as many as 3.71 lakh were undertrials.

Underlining India's leadership in the fields of IT and fintech, the PM stressed that there cannot be a better time to introduce the power of technology to judicial proceedings.

"Under the e-Courts Mission, virtual courts are being started in the country. 24-hour courts have started functioning for crimes like traffic violations. Video conferencing infrastructure is also being expanded in the courts for the convenience of the people," he said.



NATION WIDE	JULY 29	JULY 30
Fresh cases	20,409	20,408
Recoveries	22,697	20,958
Deaths	47	54

KARNATAKA	JULY 29	JULY 30
Fresh cases	2,130	1,866
Recoveries	1,195	1,242
Deaths	4	1

TAB-O METER: TAKE YOUR SHOT
July 29: 29,02,502 doses
July 30: 27,29,228 doses
TOTAL DOSES: 2,04,23,13,526

Houses, roads flooded as heavy rain lashes city

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

SOME houses were inundated, many roads flooded and a tree was uprooted following a heavy downpour in Bengaluru on Saturday night. As per the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre's website, the City had recorded 22.39 mm rainfall by 11 pm.

RR Nagar Zone received 65 mm rainfall, the highest among all eight BBMP zones. East Zone received 61.50 mm, South Zone 59.50 mm, Bommanahalli 53 mm and West Zone 44.50 mm.

Ambedkar Veedhi and other roads around Vidhana Soudha, MS Building, Malleswaram, other areas of Central Business District like Majestic, K R Market, Shanthinagar, Shivananda Circle were flooded.

A tree was uprooted in Jayanagar, while tree branches were found on several roads. Commuters and motorists had a tough time as many were caught in traffic jams due to flooded roads.

BBMP officials said few homes at Swami Vivekananda Nagar in Yelahanka were inundated.

Policemen detain an ABVP member who barged into Home Minister Araga Jnanendra's residence, in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

ABVP men storm HM's house, lathi-charged

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN a major embarrassment to the State government, members of the ruling BJP's student wing Akhila Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) stormed Home Minister Araga Jnanendra's official residence in Bengaluru on Saturday. Police had to resort to lathi-charge to bring the situation under control. The activists were protesting against the murder of BJP Yuva Morcha member Praveen Nettaru.

The security breach at the home minister's residence in the state capital has exposed the chinks in the intelligence gathering system and the government came under fire from the Opposition Congress which has demanded Jnanendra's resignation.

Tension gripped areas around Jayamahal Road where the home minister's residence is located after a group of around 40 ABVP members breached the security. The agitators were holding placards which read, 'We gave our time, but you didn't give yours,' and 'Vidhana Soudha will be shaken if the students raise their voice.'

Five police personnel present at Jnanendra's residence told the ABVP protesters that the minister was not available to meet them as he was in Shivamogga on Saturday. | P4

TAC GUIDELINES TO FIGHT MONKEYPOX

Sewage and waste surveillance at Kempegowda International Airport, like done during Covid-19

Health dept to organise monkeypox management training for medical and paramedical staff with help from RGUHS

Sample collection to be done by Infection Disease Research Foundation with technical support from VRDL or BMRCI

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CET toppers are boys, Bengaluru dominates

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

BOYS have topped in all course rankings for the Karnataka Common Entrance Test (CET) this year, though more girls are considered eligible for seat allotment for different courses as they have cleared the cut-off marks.

Announcing the CET results on Saturday, Higher Education Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan said the entire Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) processes will be done online due to numerous problems faced during verification and counselling.

"Our aim is to make it easy for students to submit applications from their homes. The software is being upgraded for this purpose," Ashwath said. The minister said that verification of documents will be done online from August 5. Based on NEET scores, admissions to medical, dental, ayurvedic and homeopathy courses will also be done.

DEVI AWARDS
HONOUR FOR 15 DYNAMIC WOMEN

The 21st edition of the award ceremony, held in Kolkata on Friday, saw 15 dynamic women being awarded for their path-breaking contribution to their respective professions and for impacting the society in a positive way | P9

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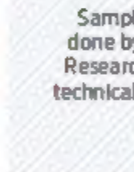
Gujarati-Marwadi praise lands Maha governor in soup

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA Governor **Bhagat Singh Koshyari** on Saturday waded into controversy by remarking that there will be no money left in Mumbai and it will cease to be the financial capital of the country if Gujaratis and Rajasthanis are removed from Maharashtra.

He had made the comment at a function in Mumbai, where he praised the contribution of Gujarati and Rajasthani people in the development of Mumbai to make it the country's financial capital. The governor's comment drew sharp reactions from the Shiv Sena, the Congress, and the NCP.

Shiv Sena President Uddhav Thackeray said while the Governor's position is very respectable one but the person who is occupying the post should also respect the office. "If he starts disrespecting the chair then it is very unfortunate", Thackeray said, adding that the governor has been insulting the Marathi people for the past two and a half years. State Congress spokesman Atul Londhe slammed the governor for his controversial remarks, saying they smack of his hatred for the state. He also demanded an apology from the governor.



Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut said if CM Eknath Shinde had self-respect, he should demand the resignation of the governor.

As the protests grew, Koshyari later issued a clarification saying he never intended to belittle the contribution of hardworking Marathi people. He claimed his statement was misconstrued.

According to a release issued by the Raj Bhavan, the governor noted that the Rajasthani-Marwari community is living in different parts of the country and also in countries like Nepal and Mauritius. "Wherever members of this community go, they not only do business, but also do acts of philanthropy by creating schools, hospitals," he said.

MINDS UNCHAINED

Prisoners use underwear elastic, bedspreads to smuggle in phones

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

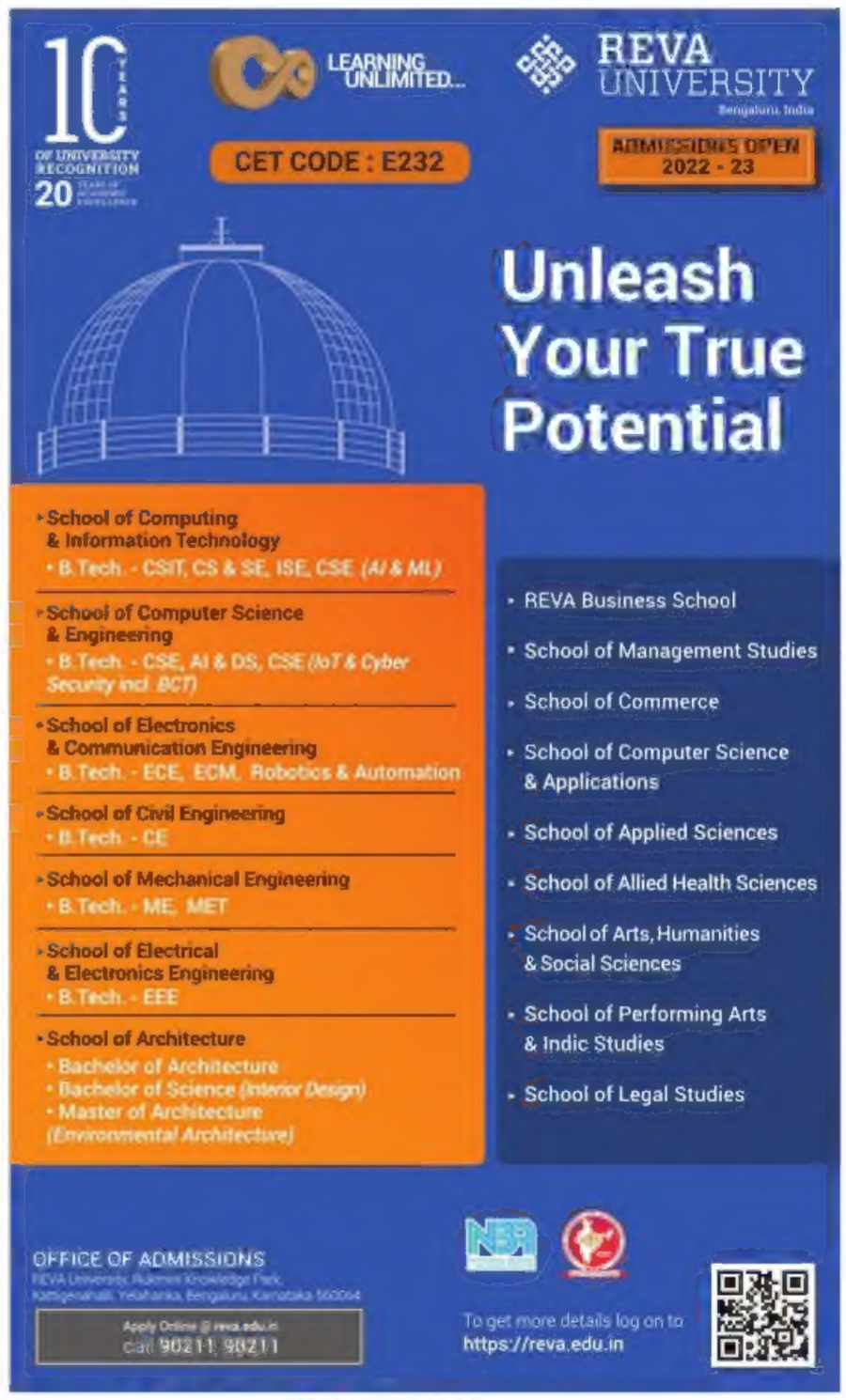
IT seems prisoners keep getting innovative ideas to smuggle drugs, mobile phones and other items into their barracks. Here is a case where inmates of a district jail on the outskirts of Bengaluru used empty toothpaste tubes and elastic straps of their undergarments to make a slingshot or catapult.

They made a 'rope' by joining bedspreads. Using the slingshot, they hurled one end of the rope made of bedspreads, outside the prison's compound wall. Their associates, who were waiting outside the wall, picked up the rope and tied 12 mobile phones to it. The prisoners then pulled back the rope. This creative idea came to the notice of the jail staff immediately, and a complaint was registered against three inmates V Appu Nayaka, A Naveed Khan and E Girish.

The incident happened at the district prison on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Road near Ramanagara town. A complaint was filed by Ambarish S Poojari, Superintendent of District Prison and Correctional Service on Thursday. The jail staff have recovered 12 mobile phones from barrack number 6. The prisoners smuggled the phones into their barracks between 1.45 am and 2 am. Jail staffers Deepak, Pushpa and Shwetha reported the matter to Assistant Jailor, Praveen Kumar who then informed the superintendent.

The staffers rushed to the spot behind the prison wall and saw men fleeing the area. A search was carried out in the barracks, and 12 mobile phones, most of them basic handsets, were recovered.

A case under Prisons Act, 1894, has been registered against the three.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